

ST. ALBANS CRIME PUZZLES OFFICERS

**Murder of Chin Kim Leaves
No Apparent Clue to
Identity.**

ROBBERY NOT THE MOTIVE

**Body Still Warm When Found
—Groans Heard in Store of
Dead Chinaman during
Night.**

St. Albans, Feb. 6.—There appears to be no clue to the murderer of Chin Kim, the Chinaman who for several years has conducted a second hand store on Catherine street and whose body was found lying in a pool of blood at his store this morning when Sheriff G. C. Holmes broke in a door after he had been summoned to the place. Louis Neuburg, who was a frequent caller on Chin Kim, was in Richmond yesterday and noon after his return last evening about six o'clock, he went to Chin's store. He was surprised to find the door locked and several windows of clothing which are usually hung outside during the day but taken in at night still outside the store. However, Mr. Neuburg went home, but his morning about eight o'clock he went to the store and tried the door again, only to find that it was still locked.

Sheriff Holmes was summoned and with Charles H. Chase and Mr. Neuburg went into the building. They found Chin Kim dead on a blood saturated floor. He was lying face down, his head resting against a wall, and his feet near a stove in the middle of the room. There was a compound fracture of the skull near the base, and it appeared as if he had been struck on the back of the head with a heavy blunt instrument. There had been much bleeding from the mouth, nose and ears.

Sheriff Holmes and Chief of Police J. S. Mahoney at once began an investigation, and State's Attorney G. F. Ladd of Richmond, who happened to be in the city, together with Assistant Judge Ellis W. Foster, began examining persons who might tell something that would give a clue to the murderer. No one has been found who saw Chin Kim last evening after five o'clock, when he was seen going home. Policeman Robert Walker says that the man was in the habit of going to one of the restaurants for a lunch every night, but last night Mr. Walker did not see him.

GROANS AT MIDNIGHT.
The family of Jack Thibault, who live next door and are separated from the store by two thin partitions, heard groaning in the store about midnight but they were not at home and did not investigate, so they thought nothing much about the matter until this morning, when the body was found.

No one has been found who has seen any suspicious looking characters in the building.
Dr. C. A. Loftus was summoned as soon as the body was found about nine o'clock, and made a superficial examination. The body was still warm and the features of the face were not yet stiff. The body was found from four to eight hours.

Dr. B. H. Stone of Burlington, director of the State laboratory of hygiene, and Dr. C. F. Dalton, secretary of the State board of health, arrived here on the 2:25 o'clock train this afternoon and conducted an examination of the body and room and took flash-light pictures of the dead man, the room where the body was found and the clothing. An autopsy was performed and the brain and stomach were removed and taken to Burlington for analysis. The examination revealed three cuts on the back of the head, one two inches long, and another six inches long, and another three inches long, on the left side of the face was a bruise and it was evident that the bruise was made as he fell to the floor and struck a knot there. His knees, too, were bruised. After the autopsy the body was removed to the undertaking room of J. T. Sullivan on North Main street.

In the room was a large piece of iron weighing several pounds, evidently the center pin of a car. No blood or hair was found on the pin but it is thought possible that the fatal blow might have been struck with the iron. Evidently Chin Kim was wearing his soft cloth cap when he was hit.

There were no signs of blood in the room other than around the body, except a clot of blood on the floor near the man's feet.

VALUABLES ARE LEFT.
At first it was thought that robbery was the motive of the murder, but from the facts that the dead man's keys were found in his pocket and when the safe was unlocked about \$20 in money was found therein, and that several valuable watches, revolvers and other articles of value were found in the store this theory was soon eliminated. On the dead man's wrist was a Hamilton watch valued at about \$25 and another watch of less value. The Hamilton watch was running and registered the correct time. In his pockets also was \$2.99 in change.

Chin Kim came to this city about 20 years ago from Worcester, Mass., where he had conducted a laundry, catering to fashionable trade. For a long time he conducted a laundry here but a few years ago he opened a second-hand store. He was a peaceable man and evidently led an uneventful life. A few years ago his store was burglarized and at that time Chin's naturalization papers were stolen. Whether or not he had some money is a matter of conjecture. He was fond of a card game and one theory advanced regarding the murder is that some rival might have come as the climax of a game.

It is understood that the dead man had two or three brothers in China and that he himself had often expressed a desire to return to his native country to die. His wife, who remained in China when Chin Kim came to this country, died, it is understood, after he came to St. Albans.

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BODY OF CHINAMAN SENT TO NEW YORK

**Wing Chin Tong Will Care for
Remains of Man Murdered
in St. Albans.**

St. Albans, Feb. 6.—The body of Chin Kim, the Chinaman who was found dead Friday morning, lying in a pool of blood in the rear of his second hand store on Catherine street, was taken to New York tonight on train number 11, leaving at 6:15 o'clock.

Charles Sing of Burlington, a cousin of the dead man, and Hing Wong and W. K. Lam, the two latter students at the University of Vermont, arrived at the city last evening to take charge of the remains of Chin Kim's property. Sing, who is in the laundry business in Burlington, says he is the only relative of Chin Kim in this country and he will claim the estate, which is estimated to amount to between seven and eight hundred dollars.

In an interview with a Free Press reporter this morning Hing Wong, who acted as interpreter for Sing, said that the body was taken to New York to be buried in the cemetery of the Wing Chin Tong in that city to take care of the bodies of all Chinamen dying in this country and to send the remains to China. The Wing Chin Tong is located at 10 Bell street.

Wong said that Chin was 51 years old and was born in San Wai, district of Canton province, China. Thirty years ago he came to this country and located in Worcester. Sixteen years ago he returned to China, where he stayed for a year, and then he came back to this country to St. Albans. Wong asked if he knew whether Chin had any relatives. Wong said he did not know but he said he thought he was friendly with everyone and he thought the murderer was a friend of his. He said that Chin had no relatives in this country, only a few distant ones. He said that Chin had been a friend of his for many years and he thought he was a good man.

Chin Kim for several years had been St. Albans' only Chinese.
Hing Wong is well educated and although he has been in this country only a few weeks very good English. He is one of the several students that the Chinese government sends to this country to receive education in American colleges. He speaks several languages and is fluent in Chinese, English, French, and Japanese. He is a member of the Chinese community in St. Albans, and he is especially interested in politics. When asked if he were in favor of woman suffrage he replied very forcibly in the negative. He said that man still remains more capable of handling the welfare of nations than the woman.

BRATTLEBORO FIRE INDUCES TO PURCHASE OF MOTOR APPARATUS

Brattleboro, Feb. 6.—At a special village meeting tonight called for the purpose of Brattleboro voted without a dissenting voice to purchase a combination chemical hose and motor truck at a price not to exceed \$3,000. It is the first piece of motor driven apparatus the village has ever ordered and the acquisition was caused by the recent fire that destroyed the Grange block.

VETERAN DIES AT VERGENNES

Vergennes, Feb. 6.—Theophilus C. Middlebrook died this evening at his home on Green street, aged 71 years. He had been ill a week with pneumonia, complicated by malaria fever. He was first lieutenant in Company A, 14th Vermont, enlisted at Vergennes in 1861. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock at the Methodist church.

BATTLE AGAINST DISEASE IS LOST

**Representative Bremner Succumbs to Four-Year Fight
with Cancer.**

RADIUM WAS LAST HOPE

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He was 52 years old and married, but had no children. Personal services will be held at Fairview, N. J., where the body was taken tonight.

Born in the northernmost county on the main land of Scotland the heritage of bravery handed down by Mr. Bremner's forefathers from their battles with the sea sustained him through many trying experiences as teacher, carpenter and electrician, soldier, reporter, editor, publisher and congressman.

Stricken with typhoid fever while he was a private in a New Jersey regiment during the Spanish-American War, Mr. Bremner was obliged to return home. He borrowed money, bought the Passaic Daily Herald when it was facing its end, and eventually housed it in a new concrete building with modern machinery. In the same spirit he fought his latest battle and died here today.

His income of \$10,000 a year was divided into two parts, one for the support of his family and the other for the support of his country.

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SCHMIDT GUILTY IN FIRST DEGREE

**Electric Chair at Sing Sing Pen-
alty for Murder of Anna
Aumuller.**

JURY OUT NINETEEN FIVE HOURS

**Prisoner Declares "It Is As It
Should Be and As I Wish
It"—Will Not Assist
in Appeal.**

New York, Feb. 6.—Hans Schmidt was found guilty today of murder in the first degree for killing Anna Aumuller, a young woman he had married through a self-performed ceremony while acting as a priest at St. Joseph's Church. The penalty of the crime is death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison. He will be sentenced next Wednesday.

Schmidt whose defense was insanity, launched bitterly when the verdict was pronounced. He had steadily declared himself guilty and at his arraignment before being held for the Supreme Court he said that he was punished by death. He had advanced by his counsel, and to-morrow he would not assist them in any way if they prepared an appeal.

"I would rather die tonight than tomorrow," he said. "It is as it should be and as I wish it."

This was the second trial and the jury was out a few minutes less than five hours. At the first trial the jury disagreed. Attorneys for prosecution and defense supplied most of the testimony at both trials.

Schmidt's counsel late today hoped that if he was not acquitted on the grounds of mental unsoundness the degree of guilt fixed by the jury would be second degree murder, for the jurors, sending out for instructions shortly after retiring, were informed by Justice Verelsteyn M. Davis that they could if they wished announce a verdict less severe than death.

A. G. Koebel of Schmidt's counsel asserted after the verdict that, owing to the former priest's persistent silence concerning the crime, it had not been possible to place all the facts before the jury. He said Schmidt was not guilty of murder, but had shielded a physician after the woman's death.

She was not murdered, the lawyer declared, if the police would display energy, he said they could get at the truth. The lawyer was undecided whether he would take an appeal. "Father Schmidt will never go to the electric chair," he added.

Anna Aumuller's body was cut up with a knife in Schmidt's flat on September 2, and the pieces in several bundles, were tossed into the Hudson river, where most of them were found before suspicion was directed against Schmidt. The head was never recovered. Schmidt, in his confession to the police, said he was committed to make a "casualty" of the Aumuller life by his nation St. Elizabeth.

Dr. Ernest A. Muret, a dentist, Schmidt's friend and companion, who was arrested shortly after the explosion in October to seven years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta after his conviction for counterfeiting.

Schmidt declared that Muret's trial that it was he and not Muret who planned the counterfeiting operations.

ICE RACES DRAW 1,500.
Free-for-all featured by fastest Trotting Ever Seen on River Course.

Montpelier, Feb. 6.—Fifteen hundred witnessed the ice races this afternoon, held under the auspices of the Capital City Driving Club. Five heats were required to determine the free-for-all, which ended in a brisk finish in the fast trotting race ever seen on the Windermere course. The summary:

2:25 PACE OR TROT—PURSE \$25.
Jessie Reager, (Chandler)..... 1 1 1
Alfred M. (Stanton)..... 2 2 2
HARRY L. (Chandler)..... 3 3 3
Lester (Murray)..... 4 4 4
Gerrard Alair (Murray)..... 5 5 5
Juna Marlowe (Stanton)..... 6 6 6
Middlesex (Stanton)..... 7 7 7
May Bird (Fairwell)..... 8 8 8
Time: 45.45.

FREE-FOR-ALL TROT, PURSE \$20.
Wilkesdale (Smith)..... 1 1 1
Lester (Murray)..... 2 2 2
Jola (Murray)..... 3 3 3
Edmund (Murray)..... 4 4 4
Rob Roy (Stanton)..... 5 5 5
Time: 45.45, 47.47, 47.47.

2:30 PACE, PURSE \$25.
St. Abbott (Lord)..... 1 1 1
Gudde B. (Chandler)..... 2 2 2
Lester M. (Chandler)..... 3 3 3
Doctor T. (Alexander)..... 4 4 4
Time: 44.44.

Track distance, one-third mile. Judges: E. L. Eaton of Waterbury, Harry Britton of Barre, Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpelier. The second day's races will take place to-morrow.

**HOLD HEARINGS
ON ACCIDENTS**
Remington, Feb. 6.—There were hearings today before the public service commission upon two accidents and the application of the Berkshire Street Railway company for permission to cross the tracks of the Rutland railroad on West Main street. The State was represented by the State's Attorney W. J. Mearns and the Berkshire Street Railway company by Robert E. Healey of Remington.

The morning session and a part of the afternoon were consumed in the examination of railroad employees and passengers involved in the wreck in the town of Pawnee on the night of December 19 when two Berkshire street railway cars collided at a point on the road known as the "Dugway" switch and N. E. Glines, a motorman, was fatally injured. In the afternoon there was a hearing upon the accident in the village of December 19 when one of the cars involved in the accident at Pawnee in the evening collided with an automobile owned and driven at the time by A. J. Conner, president of the Cooper Manufacturing company.

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It costs no more to "start on high" with a full crop than half a crop, while the difference in profits cannot be compared.

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See our agent or write for full list and prices.

The American Agricultural Chemical Co.,
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SAND-CLAY ROADS AND THE TIME TO WORK THEM.
There are at present about 1,000 miles of sand and clay roads in the United States, mainly in the Southern States, according to the office of public roads, United States department of agriculture. It takes time to work the roads in the spring when the soil is damp. If the work of the roads is deferred until late in summer when they are dry, they are not only much more difficult to put in proper shape, but the cost of repair is greater than if they were worked early in the spring.

Prior to 1884 comparatively little if any of these roads existed. The necessity of this type of road is due to the facts that it is cheap, comparatively firm and durable, easy to construct and repair, and that the material is so abundant it is built in many sections of the country.

The sand-clay road is made by mixing the sand and clay in such a way that the grains of sand touch each other, the spaces between the grains being filled with clay, which acts as a binder. The approximate mixture of sand and clay may be determined by filling a vessel with a sample of the sand to be used, and another vessel of the same size with water. The water is poured carefully to the sand until it reaches the point of overflowing. The volume of water removed from the vessel represents approximately the proportion of clay needed.